to the industrially developed countries at a throw-away price;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to stop the export of iron ore and to process the same within the country so that only finished products are sold to other countries; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Iron Ore is being exported by Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC), Kudermukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) and Goan exporters at international prices.

(c) and (d) India's iron ore reserves are estimated to be over 17 billion tonnes, and only about 30 million tonnes, including value added iron ore concentrates and pellets are exported annually. Conversion of iron ore at present being exported into value added products for export requires massive investment which can be undertaken only at the cost of other sectors of the economy. These exports are viewed in the national perspective, *i.e.* earning of foreign exchange, employment potential particularly in backward areas, utilization of infrastructural facilities as also development of overall economy.

Noting down of numbers of autorickshaws/taxis at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2511. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system of noting down the numbers of the autorickshaws/taxis hired from Indira Gandhi International Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the number of the authorickshaw hired by two foreigners on June 8, 1988 between 9.15 p.m. and 9.25 p.m. could not be traced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no authorickshaw stand operating from Indira Gandhi International Airport. The numbers of such vehicles hired by passengers are not recorded. However, taxi numbers are recorded with time of departure at both the terminals of Indira Gandhi International Airport I & II.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum of political parties of Manipur

2512. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from different political parties of Manipur; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A memorandum from opposition political parties of Manipur addressed to the Prime Minister of India was forwarded by S/Shri Basudev Acharia, Indrajit Gupta, Madhu Dandavate and Jaipal Reddy on 11th April, 1988. The main demands in the memorandum are:

(a) inclusion of Manipuri language in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution;

(b) industrialisation of the State; and

(c) withdrawal of "Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958" from the State of Manipur.

Export-oriented Spinning Units

2513. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to liberalise their policy on licensing of hundred per cent export-oriented spinning units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the existing units with no past export performance will also be included in the list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Applications seeking licences under the 100 per cent Export-Oriented Scheme are considered under the existing guidelines to the Scheme on the merits of each case, including past experience in exports.

Technical Cells for evaluating Financial needs of Small Units

2514. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercial banks do not have technical cells for evaluating the financial needs of small units; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that zonal and Regional Offices of commercial banks as also the branches located in areas having concentration of small scale industrial units have technical cells for evaluating financial needs of small scale units.

Special Police protection to persons in Delhi

2515. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of persons in Delhi who have been provided with special police protection;

(b) what is the criterion on which such protection is provided;

(c) which is the authority which bears the expenses on this account; and

(d) what is the approximate cost per head involved in providing such protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It will not be in public interest to disclose their names.

(b) Protection is provided after an assessment of the threat perception.

(c) and (d) As the personnel deployed for such duties are from Delhi Police or on deputation from other Central Police Organisations, expenses are incurred from the existing resource of Delhi Police?